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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GDR

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1. EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO DIFFICULTY IN HAVING WASHINGTON AS THE VENUE FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS OF A CONSULAR CONVENTION EARLY IN FEBRUARY.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE GDR DRAFT CONVENTION, AND OF THE PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ONCE THEY HAVE BEGUN.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE KEY ISSUES INVOLVED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, AND YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE DIFFICULTIES TO BE ANTICIPATED.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF THE GDR DRAFT, A SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF ITS CONTENTS. THIS ANALYSIS SHOULD INDICATE, IF POSSIBLE, THOSE SECTIONS WITH WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS IN AGREEMENT (EITHER TENTATIVELY OR IN FINAL FORM) AND THOSE SECTIONS WITH WHICH THE DEPARTMENT DISAGREES, ALONG WITH THE REASONS FOR DISAGREEMENT.

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5. OUR EXPERIENCE, WHILE LIMITED, HAS BEEN THAT WHEN GDR OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR OR OTHER MEMBERS

OF THE EMBASSY STAFF, WE HAVE HAD LITTLE OR NO ADVANCE NOTICE AS TO THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED. DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATING THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE GDR WILL MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY WITH REGARD TO ONE OR MORE OF THE POINTS AT ISSUE AND EMBASSY MAY HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT. WHILE WE WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, ENTER IN PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS IN BERLIN OR DISCUSS CONTESTED ISSUES UNLESS DIRECTED BY DEPARTMENT, IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE BE INFORMED AND ABREAST OF THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE AND UNDERSTANDING DURING THE COURSE OF ANY DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT HERE.

6. AS THE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED, THE EMBASSY WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT CURRENT REGARDING ITS EXPERIENCE IN CONSULAR WORK AND THE CHARACTER OF OUR EMERGING CONSULAR RELATIONS WITH THE GDR. WE ARE PRESENTLY INFORMING OURSELVES AS TO THE BRITISH AND FRENCH EXPERIENCE, SO FAR, IN NEGOTIATING A CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH THE GDR.COOPER

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